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THE TOMB OF DRACULA™

LORD OF VAMPIRES!

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A VERY SPECIAL ISSUE!

BLADE FIGHTS ALONE!

ONE MAN AGAINST A LEGION of DEADLY VAMPIRES!

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UNDEAD by DAYLIGHT!
HIS NAME IS--BLADE, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER!
AND IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE UNDEAD, DARE NOT CROSS HIS PATH--
--OR YOU WILL NEVER SURVIVE TO SOAR ANOTHER NIGHT!
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FOR THE MOST PART, BOSTON IS MUCH LIKE ANYWHERE ELSE DURING A 98 DEGREE HEATWAVE. TEMPERATURES ARE UP, AND TEMPERS ARE WAITING TO BLOW!

BUT BOSTON, ON THIS HOT SPRING DAY, IS DIFFERENT THAN ANYWHERE ELSE, FOR, TODAY, THERE IS HORROR WAITING TO BE UNLEASHED.

AND THIS HORROR CAN NOT BE EASILY CONTAINED.

THINKING, LOVER? I CAN TELL BY THAT FARAWAY GAZE IN YOUR BABY BROWNS.

EH?

YEAH, SAFRON, I WAS RUNNIN' OVER MY LIFE IN MY HEAD...TRYIN' TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH IT NOW THAT THE VAMP I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR IS DEAD!

THAT THE REASON I WAS FIGHTIN' ALL MY LIFE IS OVER!

YEAH, I CAN DIG IT, LOVER. BUT I WOULDN'T WORRY NONE.

YOU'RE A STRONG MAN, HANDSOME. YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT TO!

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, SAF. YOU HAVEN'T SPENT YOUR LIFE ON A QUEST.

YOU LOVE DANCIN', SO YOU DO IT, AND YOU GET PAID FOR DOIN' IT!

WHILE MY JOB AIN'T EXACTLY THE MOST KOSHER WORK IN THE WORLD!

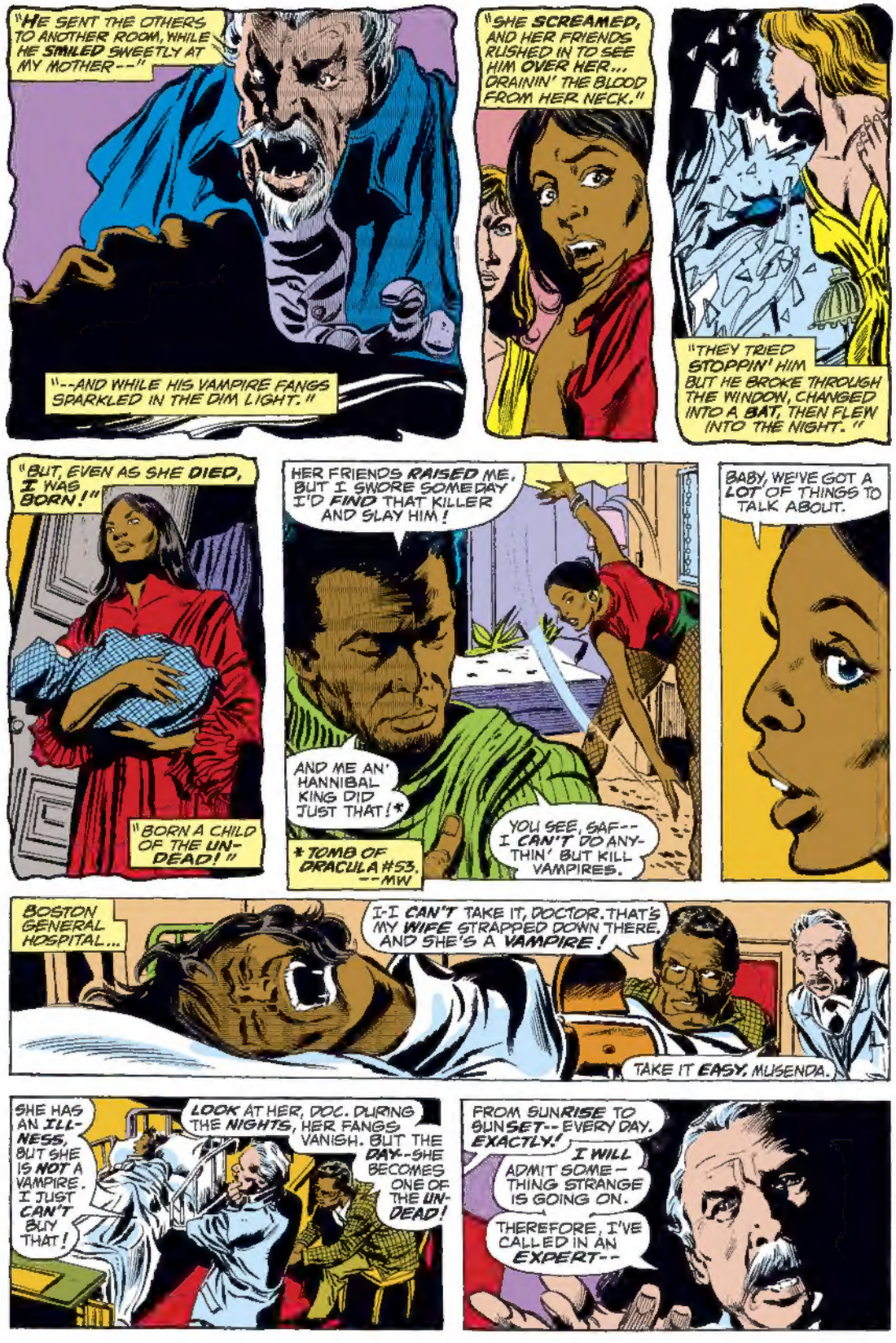
I CAN'T VERY WELL PUT DOWN ON A JOB APPLICATION THAT VAMPIRE SLAYING IS MY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE!

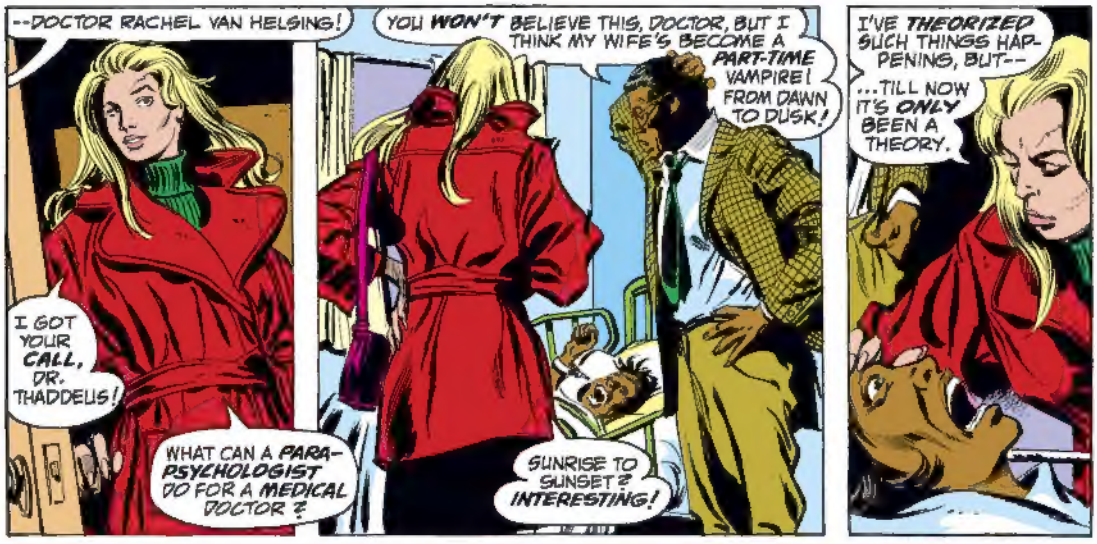
BLAST! I'M TOO OLD TO BE LOOKIN' FOR A NEW LINE OF WORK, SAF.

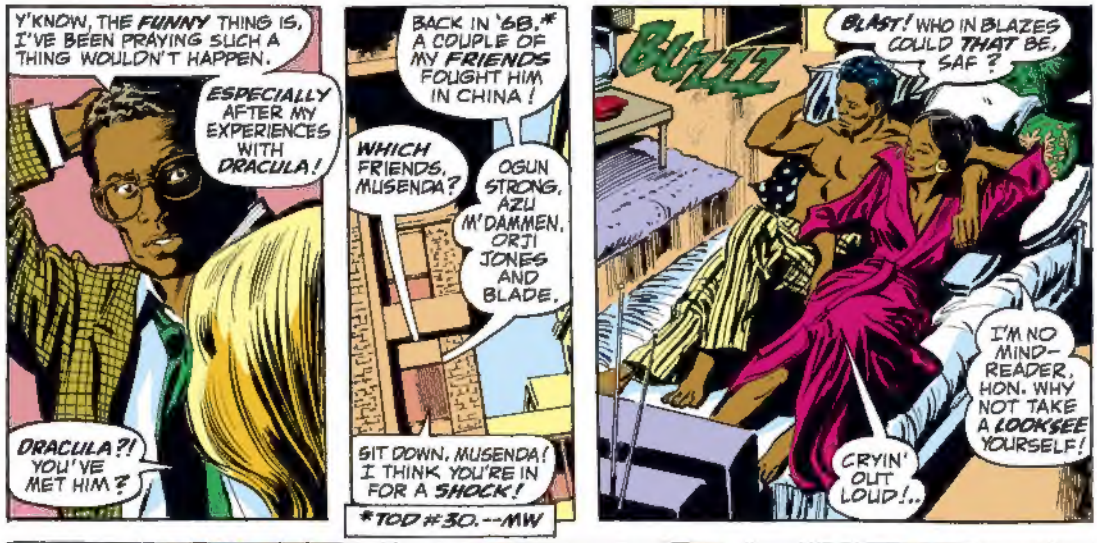
BEEN DOIN' THIS TOO LONG... SINCE I WAS BORN. SINCE MY MOM WAS KILLED BY THAT CRUD WHILE SHE WAS GOIN' THROUGH A PAINFUL PREGNANCY.

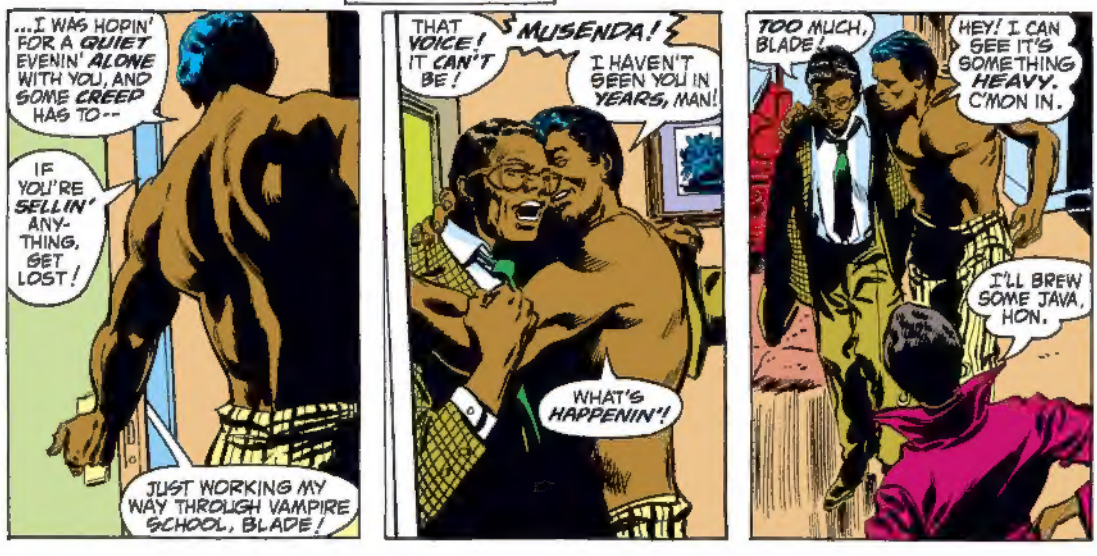
HER FRIENDS CALLED FOR A DOCTOR, AN' HOURS LATER ONE CAME!

A TALL DUDE, WHITE HAIR SLICKED BACK, WITH EYES GLOWIN' RED LIKE THE FIRES FROM HELL ITSELF!


"HE SENT THE OTHERS TO ANOTHER ROOM, WHILE HE SMILED SWEETLY AT MY MOTHER--"
"--AND WHILE HIS VAMPIRE FANGS SPARKLED IN THE DIM LIGHT."
"SHE SCREAMED, AND HER FRIENDS RUSHED IN TO SEE HIM OVER HER... DRAININ' THE BLOOD FROM HER NECK."
"THEY TRIED STOPPIN' HIM BUT HE BROKE THROUGH THE WINDOW, CHANGED INTO A BAT, THEN FLEW INTO THE NIGHT."
"BUT, EVEN AS SHE DIED, I WAS BORN!"
"BORN A CHILD OF THE UN-DEAD!"
HER FRIENDS RAISED ME, BUT I SWORE SOMEDAY I'D FIND THAT KILLER AND SLAY HIM!
AND ME AN' HANNIBAL KING DID JUST THAT!*
* TOMB OF DRACULA #53. --MW
YOU SEE, SAF-- I CAN'T DO ANY-THIN' BUT KILL VAMPIRES.
BABY, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF THINGS TO TALK ABOUT.
BOSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL...
I-I CAN'T TAKE IT, DOCTOR. THAT'S MY WIFE STRAPPED DOWN THERE, AND SHE'S A VAMPIRE!
TAKE IT EASY, MUSENDA.
SHE HAS AN ILL-NESS, BUT SHE IS NOT A VAMPIRE. I JUST CAN'T BUY THAT!
LOOK AT HER, DOC. DURING THE NIGHTS, HER FANGS VANISH. BUT THE DAY--SHE BECOMES ONE OF THE UN-DEAD!
FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET--EVERY DAY. EXACTLY!
I WILL ADMIT SOME-THING STRANGE IS GOING ON.
THEREFORE, I'VE CALLED IN AN EXPERT--

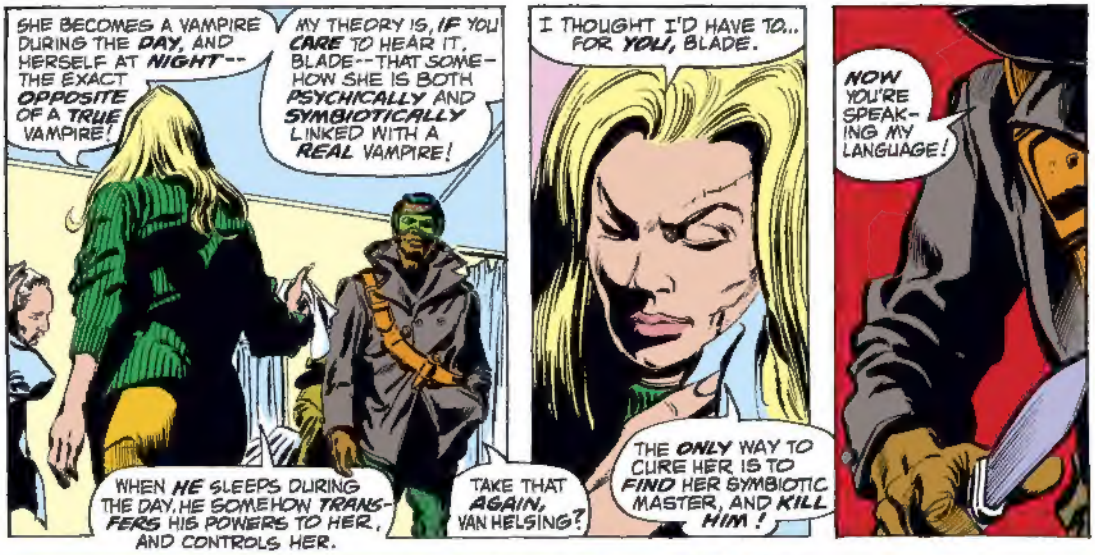

--DOCTOR RACHEL VAN HELSING!
I GOT YOUR CALL, DR. THADDEUS!
WHAT CAN A PARA-PSYCHOLOGIST DO FOR A MEDICAL DOCTOR?
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, DOCTOR, BUT I THINK MY WIFE'S BECOME A PART-TIME VAMPIRE! FROM DAWN TO DUSK!
SUNRISE TO SUNSET? INTERESTING!
I'VE THEORIZED SUCH THINGS HAPPENING, BUT--
...TILL NOW IT'S ONLY BEEN A THEORY.

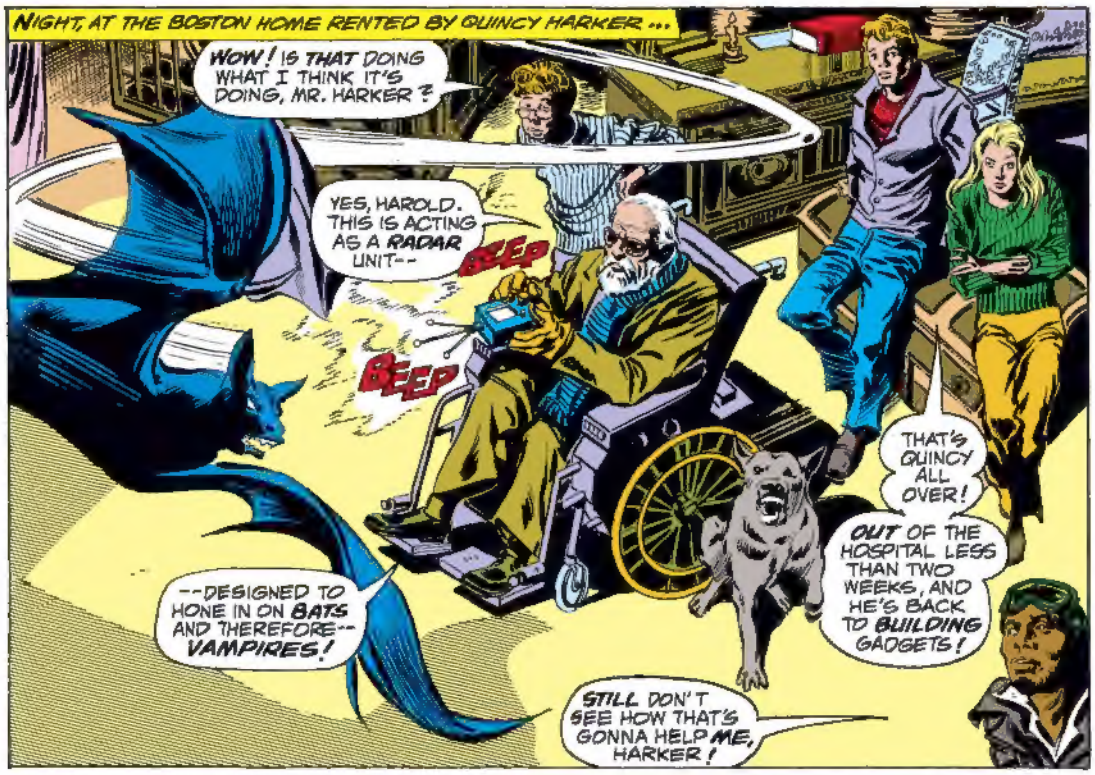

Y'KNOW, THE FUNNY THING IS, I'VE BEEN PRAYING SUCH A THING WOULDN'T HAPPEN.
ESPECIALLY AFTER MY EXPERIENCES WITH DRACULA!
DRACULA?! YOU'VE MET HIM?
BACK IN '68,* A COUPLE OF MY FRIENDS FOUGHT HIM IN CHINA!
WHICH FRIENDS, MUSENDA?
OGUN STRONG, AZU M'DAMMEN, ORJI JONES AND BLADE.
SIT DOWN, MUSENDA! I THINK YOU'RE IN FOR A SHOCK!
*TOD #30.--MW
BLAST! WHO IN BLAZES COULD THAT BE, SAF?
I'M NO MIND-READER, HON. WHY NOT TAKE A LOOKSEE YOURSELF!
CRYIN' OUT LOUD!..

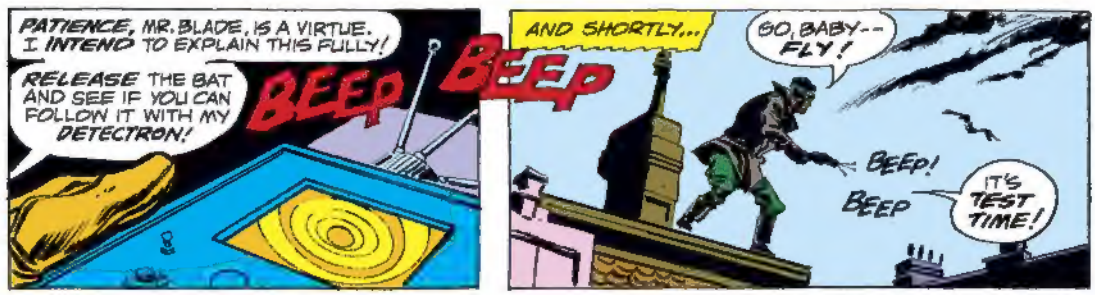

...I WAS HOPIN' FOR A QUIET EVENIN' ALONE WITH YOU, AND SOME CREEP HAS TO--
IF YOU'RE SELLIN' ANY-THING, GET LOST!
JUST WORKING MY WAY THROUGH VAMPIRE SCHOOL, BLADE!
THAT VOICE! IT CAN'T BE!
MUSENDA!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN YEARS, MAN!
WHAT'S HAPPENIN'!
TOO MUCH, BLADE!
HEY! I CAN SEE IT'S SOMETHING HEAVY. C'MON IN.
I'LL BREW SOME JAVA, HON.

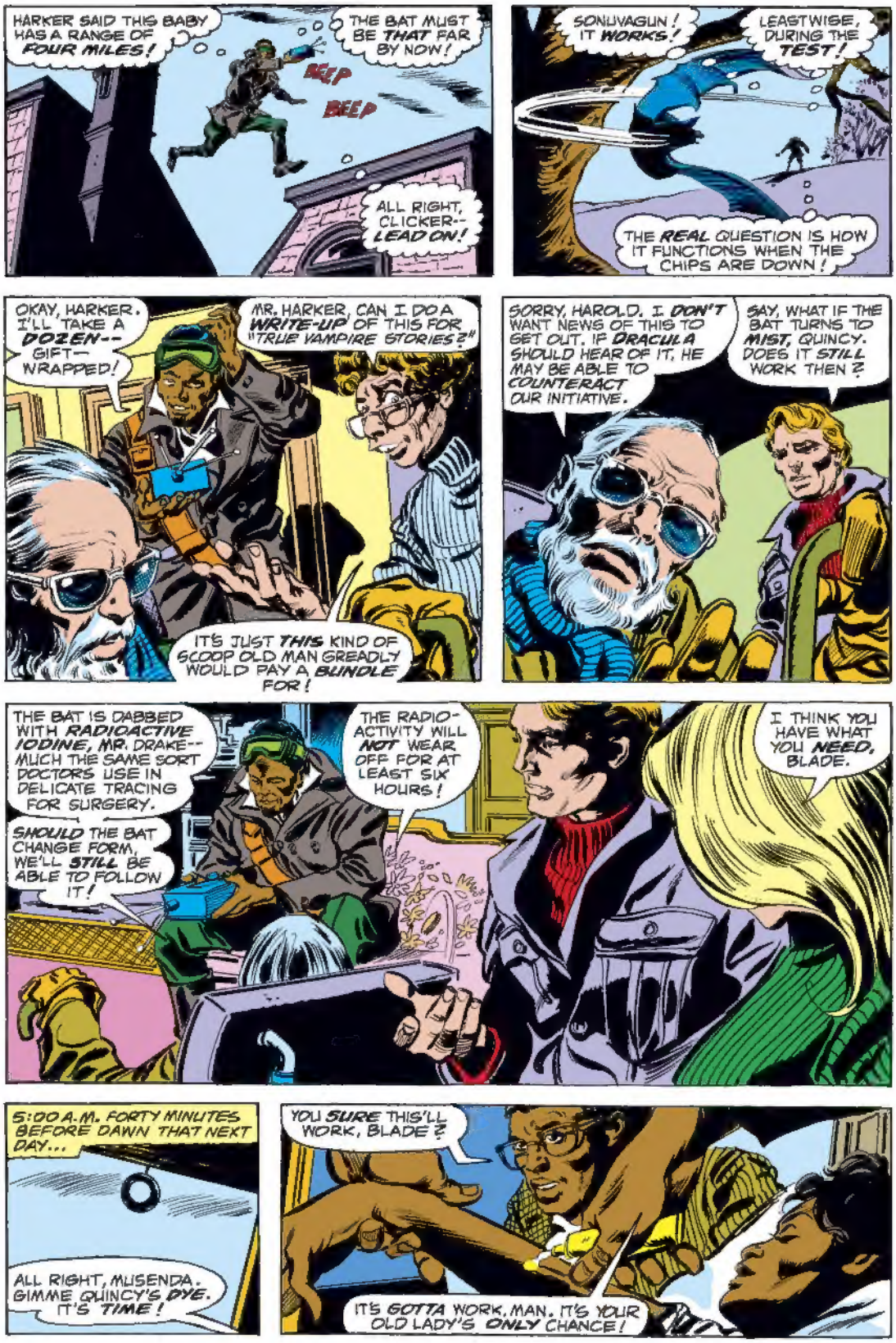
SO, DR. VAN HELSING GAVE ME YOUR ADDRESS AND TOLD ME TO LOOK YOU UP!
FIRST NICE THING THAT ICEBERG'S EVER DONE FOR ME!
C'MON, MUSENDA. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR LITTLE LADY.
I'LL BE BACK SOON, SAF. KEEP THE HOMEFIRES BURNIN'.
DON'T WORRY, BLADE. THINGS'LL BE PLENTY HOT FOR YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK.
SCALDING HOT!
DID I SPOIL SOMETHING THERE, BLADE?
NAH! IF WE DIDN'T ARGUE, WE WOULDN'T KNOW WE LOVED EACH OTHER.
C'MON!
SHORTLY...
LISTEN--A SCREAM! LIKE A WOLF!
OH, GOD! IT'S COMING FROM LORRAINE'S ROOM.
EEEEE!!!
OH, MY LORD. L-LORRAINE--?!
SHE BROKE FREE FROM HER BONDS... ATTACKED THE DOCTOR. I CAN'T STOP HER!
SO YOU'VE RETURNED, FOOL? TO YOUR MATE'S HOST-BODY?
COME CLOSER SO I MAY SUCK YOUR BLOOD DRY!
STAND BACK, PAL--THIS IS MY TERRITORY. I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THESE CRUDS!
AN' HOW TO SEND 'EM BACK TO HELL-- SPECIAL DELIVERY.
BLADE-- DON'T!!

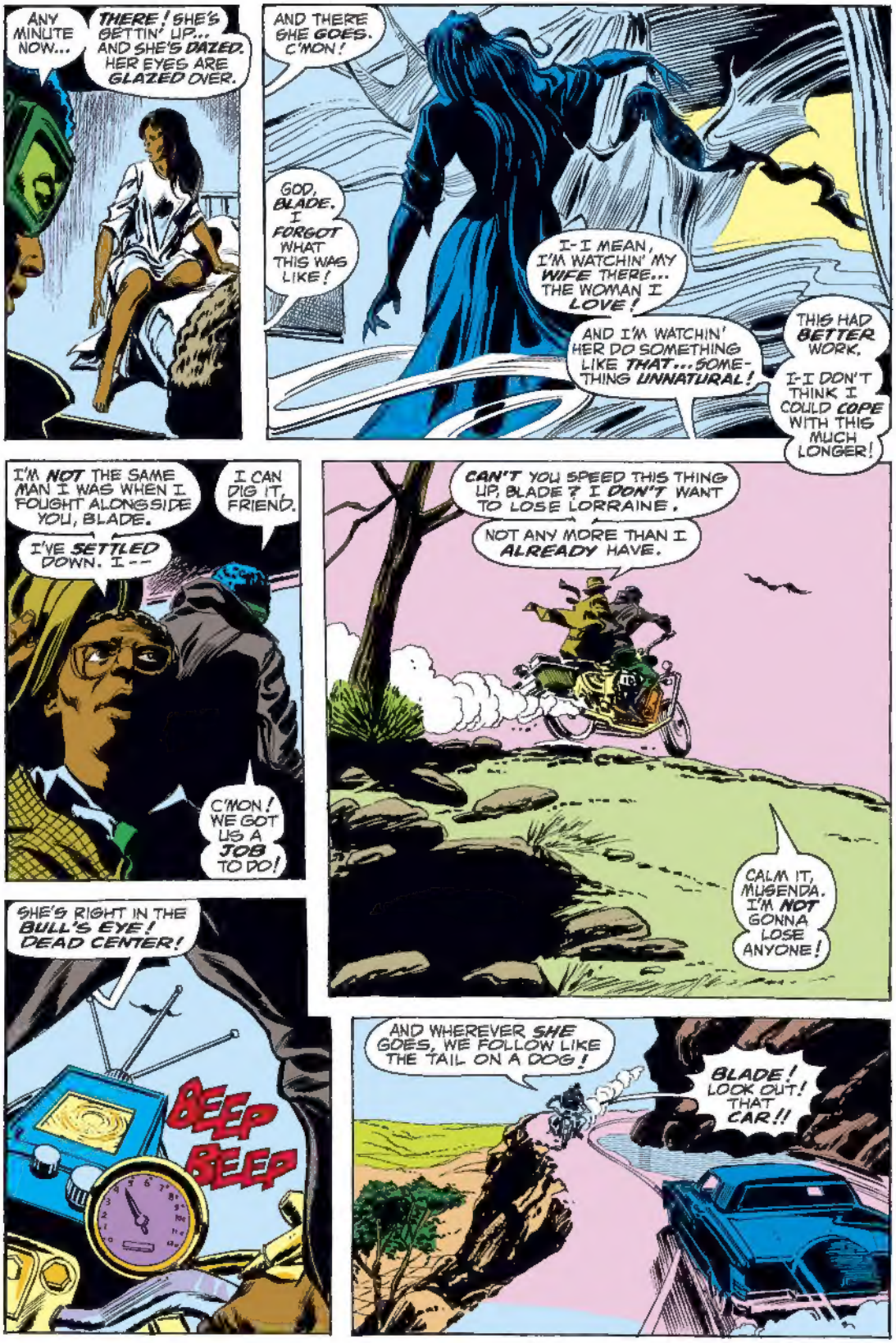
DON'T WORRY, MAN. THIS FOOL DOESN'T KNOW HOW STRONG I AM.
DIE, FOOL-- SUFFER YOUR DAMNABLE FATE!
THEN LET ME DRAIN YOUR LIFEBLOOD FROM YOU AS I DID FROM THIS SOW!
GOTTA TWIST MYSELF-- MUSTN'T TAKE THE BRUNT OF THE IMPACT!
SPIN OFF THE WALL AN'-- BLAST!
KWAK
THE CHAIR'S IN MY WAY... CAN'T AVOID IT!
BUT IT DON'T-- HUNH?
NOOOO! THE PAIN! THE PAIN!
AAAGGH!
I-IF I DIDN'T SEE THAT MYSELF, I COULD NEVER HAVE BELIEVED THAT VICIOUSNESS WAS IN LORRAINE!
IT WAS HORRIBLE!
HORRIBLE, YES! BUT IT ISN'T LORRAINE.
WHAT IN HELL ARE YOU JABBERING ABOUT, VAN HELSING?
THAT LADY'S MUSENDA'S WIFE!
SHE IS, BUT THAT VAMPIRE ISN'T!
LOOK! HER FANGS ARE GONE!
LISTEN. HER VAMPIRITIC SYMPTOMS COME WITH THE RISING AND LOWERING OF THE MOON.
SHE'S A VAMPIRE... BUT ONE WITH A DIFFERENCE!


SHE BECOMES A VAMPIRE DURING THE DAY, AND HERSELF AT NIGHT-- THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF A TRUE VAMPIRE!
MY THEORY IS, IF YOU CARE TO HEAR IT, BLADE--THAT SOMEHOW SHE IS BOTH PSYCHICALLY AND SYMBIOTICALLY LINKED WITH A REAL VAMPIRE!
WHEN HE SLEEPS DURING THE DAY, HE SOMEHOW TRANSFERS HIS POWERS TO HER, AND CONTROLS HER.
TAKE THAT AGAIN, VAN HELSING?
I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO.. FOR YOU, BLADE.
THE ONLY WAY TO CURE HER IS TO FIND HER SYMBIOTIC MASTER, AND KILL HIM!
NOW YOU'RE SPEAKING MY LANGUAGE!


NIGHT, AT THE BOSTON HOME RENTED BY QUINCY HARKER...
WOW! IS THAT DOING WHAT I THINK IT'S DOING, MR. HARKER?
YES, HAROLD. THIS IS ACTING AS A RADAR UNIT--
BEEP
BEEP
--DESIGNED TO HONE IN ON BATS AND THEREFORE-- VAMPIRES!
THAT'S QUINCY ALL OVER!
OUT OF THE HOSPITAL LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, AND HE'S BACK TO BUILDING GADGETS!
STILL DON'T SEE HOW THAT'S GONNA HELP ME, HARKER!

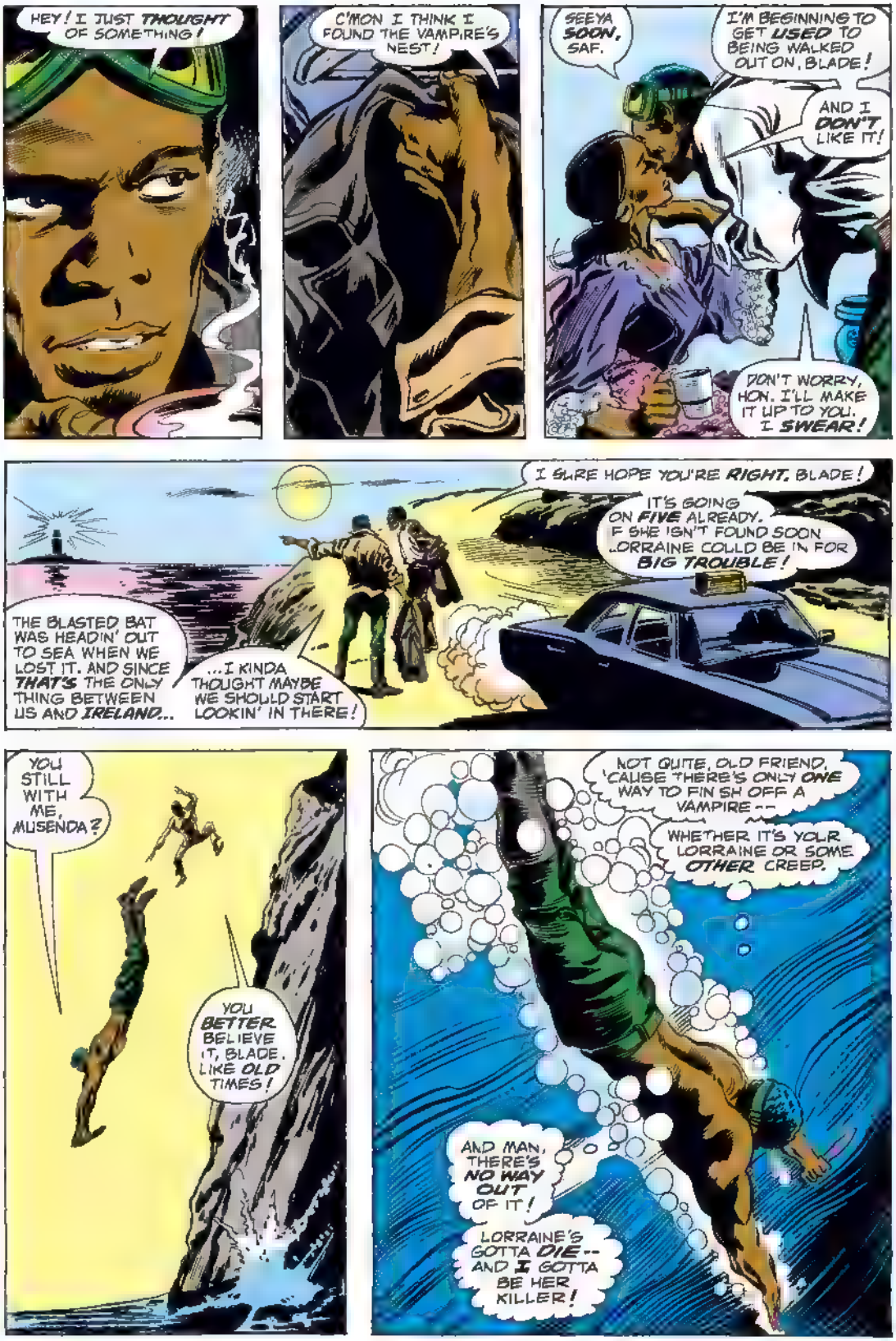

PATIENCE, MR. BLADE, IS A VIRTUE. I INTEND TO EXPLAIN THIS FULLY!
RELEASE THE BAT AND SEE IF YOU CAN FOLLOW IT WITH MY DETECTRON!
BEEP
BEEP
AND SHORTLY...
GO, BABY-- FLY!
BEEP!
BEEP
IT'S TEST TIME!

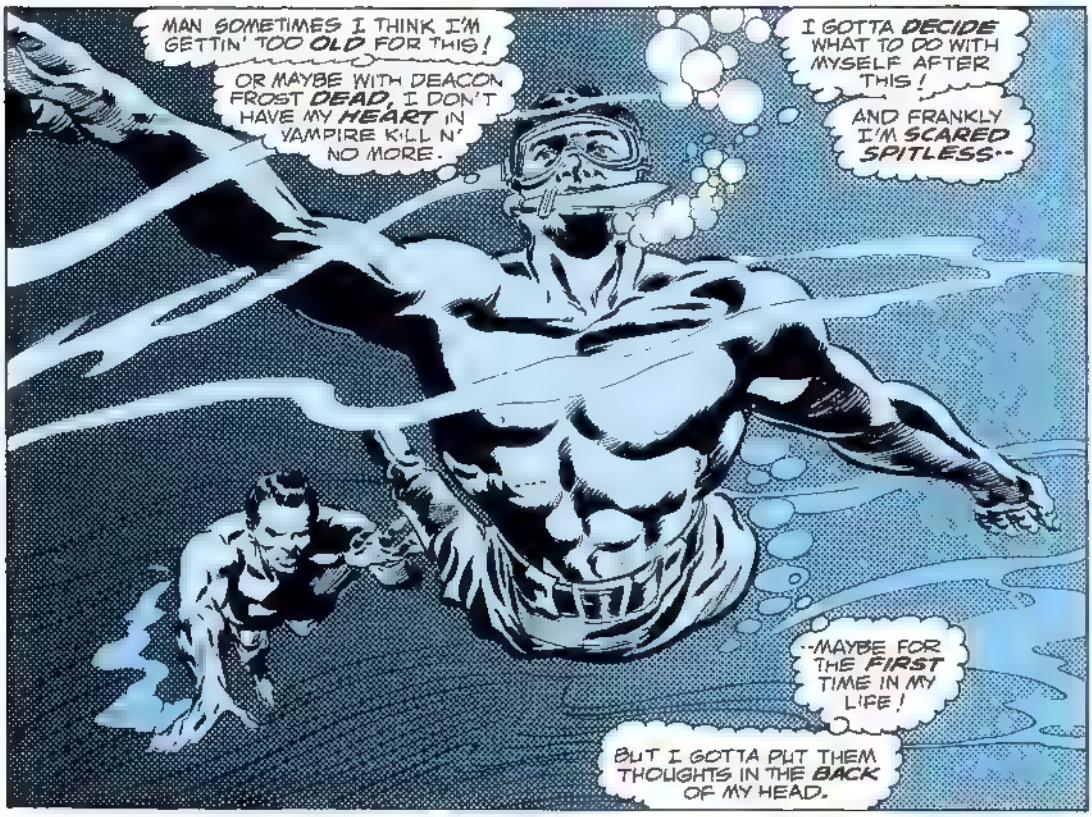

HARKER SAID THIS BABY HAS A RANGE OF FOUR MILES!
THE BAT MUST BE THAT FAR BY NOW!
BEEP
BEEP
ALL RIGHT, CLICKER-- LEAD ON!
SONUVAGUN! IT WORKS!
LEASTWISE, DURING THE TEST!
THE REAL QUESTION IS HOW IT FUNCTIONS WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN!
OKAY, HARKER. I'LL TAKE A DOZEN-- GIFT-WRAPPED!
MR. HARKER, CAN I DO A WRITE-UP OF THIS FOR "TRUE VAMPIRE STORIES?"
IT'S JUST THIS KIND OF SCOOP OLD MAN GREADLY WOULD PAY A BUNDLE FOR!
SORRY, HAROLD. I DON'T WANT NEWS OF THIS TO GET OUT. IF DRACULA SHOULD HEAR OF IT, HE MAY BE ABLE TO COUNTERACT OUR INITIATIVE.
SAY, WHAT IF THE BAT TURNS TO MIST, QUINCY. DOES IT STILL WORK THEN?
THE BAT IS DABBED WITH RADIOACTIVE IODINE, MR. DRAKE-- MUCH THE SAME SORT DOCTORS USE IN DELICATE TRACING FOR SURGERY.
SHOULD THE BAT CHANGE FORM, WE'LL STILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW IT!
THE RADIO-ACTIVITY WILL NOT WEAR OFF FOR AT LEAST SIX HOURS!
I THINK YOU HAVE WHAT YOU NEED, BLADE.
5:00 A.M. FORTY MINUTES BEFORE DAWN THAT NEXT DAY...
ALL RIGHT, MUSENDA. GIMME QUINCY'S DYE. IT'S TIME!
YOU SURE THIS'LL WORK, BLADE?
IT'S GOTTA WORK, MAN. IT'S YOUR OLD LADY'S ONLY CHANCE!


ANY MINUTE NOW...
THERE! SHE'S GETTIN' UP... AND SHE'S DAZED. HER EYES ARE GLAZED OVER.
AND THERE SHE GOES. C'MON!
GOD, BLADE. I FORGOT WHAT THIS WAS LIKE!
I-I MEAN, I'M WATCHIN' MY WIFE THERE... THE WOMAN I LOVE!
AND I'M WATCHIN' HER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT... SOMETHING UNNATURAL!
THIS HAD BETTER WORK.
I-I DON'T THINK I COULD COPE WITH THIS MUCH LONGER!
I'M NOT THE SAME MAN I WAS WHEN I FOUGHT ALONGSIDE YOU, BLADE.
I CAN DIG IT, FRIEND.
I'VE SETTLED DOWN. I--
C'MON! WE GOT US A JOB TO DO!
CAN'T YOU SPEED THIS THING UP, BLADE? I DON'T WANT TO LOSE LORRAINE.
NOT ANY MORE THAN I ALREADY HAVE.
CALM IT, MUSENDA. I'M NOT GONNA LOSE ANYONE!
SHE'S RIGHT IN THE BULL'S EYE! DEAD CENTER!
BEEP BEEP
AND WHEREVER SHE GOES, WE FOLLOW LIKE THE TAIL ON A DOG!
BLADE! LOOK OUT! THAT CAR!!

LEAN RIGHT, BABY. THAT THING'S BEADIN' DOWN ON US!
I SAID LEAN RIGHT!
DAMN CYCLE'S SKIDDING... CAN'T CONTROL IT.
GET READY, OLD BUDDY...
--AND DIVE, BABY-- DIVE!!
SPLASH
STINKIN' ROAD HOG--ALMOST KILLED US. BUT THEN, HIS EYES WERE GLAZED OVER--LIKE HE WAS HYPNOTIZED INTA ATTACKIN' US.
MAN--THAT'S GREAT! JUST GREAT!
UH-OH--MUSENDA LOOKS LIKE HE'S STRUGGLIN'!
LOGIN' BREATH! C'MON--MOVE IT, BROTHER! MOVE!
GASP! MUSENDA--?
I MADE IT, BLADE! BY THE SKIN OF MY FINS!
AND SHORTLY...
THAT WAS IT, MAN! BLASTED ROAD HOG DOIN' N NETY W.THOUT LOOKIN', AND WE SUFFER FOR IT!
DON T WANT MUSENDA TO KNOW HIS WIFE WAS BEHIND IT!
THANKS, AND C'MON. WE'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT BACK TO TOWN!
BLADE? I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU BACK HERE!
WE ALMOST DIDN'T MAKE IT, LOVER. HOW ABOUT SOME HOT COFFEE AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR US FISHES?
HEY, YOU'RE SOAKED!

YOU NOTICED. C'MON. GET YOUR-SELF IN ACTION!
I'M MOVING, BLADE.
I GUESS WE BLEW IT FOR THE DAY!
MAYBE, FRIEND. BUT THE SUN AIN'T SET YET.
AND I'M STILL THINKING.
YOU ALWAYS WERE THE THINKER OF THE GROUP, BLADE!
SAY, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOIN' SINCE WE BROKE UP 2
BROKE UP, MY FOOT! WE'RE THE ONLY SURVIVORS, BUDDY. THE REST ALL WENT TO VAMPIRE-HUNTER'S HEAVEN!
'CEPT YOU, WHO GOT SMART AND WORKED YOUR WAY BACK INTO THE REAL WORLD.
I CONTINUED FIGHTING VAMPIRES -- THAT CRUD, DEACON FROST, AND OF COURSE, THE B.G-DADDY OF THEM ALL--DRACULA!
JUST GOT DONE WITH A FIGHT WITH THAT BAD DUDE...
...OVER HIS KID BEIN' BORN.
ME AN' TWO OTHERS FOUND HIM, AND WE FOUGHT BUT HE GOT AWAY.
LIKE USUAL-- YOU WIN SOME, YOU LOSE MORE!
AIN'T MUCH, BUT THAT'S ALL I GOT!


HEY! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING!
C'MON I THINK I FOUND THE VAMPIRE'S NEST!
SEEYA SOON, SAF.
I'M BEGINNING TO GET USED TO BEING WALKED OUT ON, BLADE!
AND I DON'T LIKE IT!
DON'T WORRY, HON. I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU. I SWEAR!
I SURE HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, BLADE!
IT'S GOING ON FIVE ALREADY. IF SHE ISN'T FOUND SOON ..LORRAINE COULD BE IN FOR BIG TROUBLE!
THE BLASTED BAT WAS HEADIN' OUT TO SEA WHEN WE LOST IT. AND SINCE THAT'S THE ONLY THING BETWEEN US AND IRELAND...
...I KINDA THOUGHT MAYBE WE SHOULD START LOOKIN' IN THERE!
YOU STILL WITH ME, MUSENDA?
YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, BLADE. LIKE OLD TIMES!
NOT QUITE, OLD FRIEND, 'CAUSE THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FINISH OFF A VAMPIRE--
WHETHER IT'S YOUR LORRAINE OR SOME OTHER CREEP.
AND MAN, THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF IT!
LORRAINE'S GOTTA DIE-- AND I GOTTA BE HER KILLER!

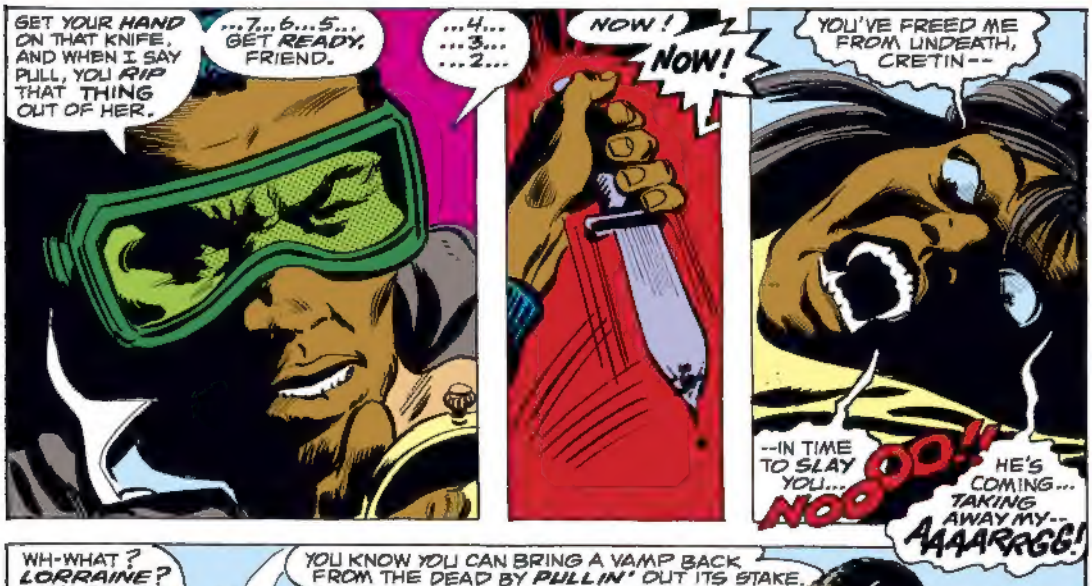

MAN SOMETIMES I THINK I'M GETTIN' TOO OLD FOR THIS!
OR MAYBE WITH DEACON FROST DEAD, I DON'T HAVE MY HEART IN VAMPIRE KILL N' NO MORE.
I GOTTA DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF AFTER THIS!
AND FRANKLY I'M SCARED SPITLESS--
--MAYBE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE!
BUT I GOTTA PUT THEM THOUGHTS IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD.

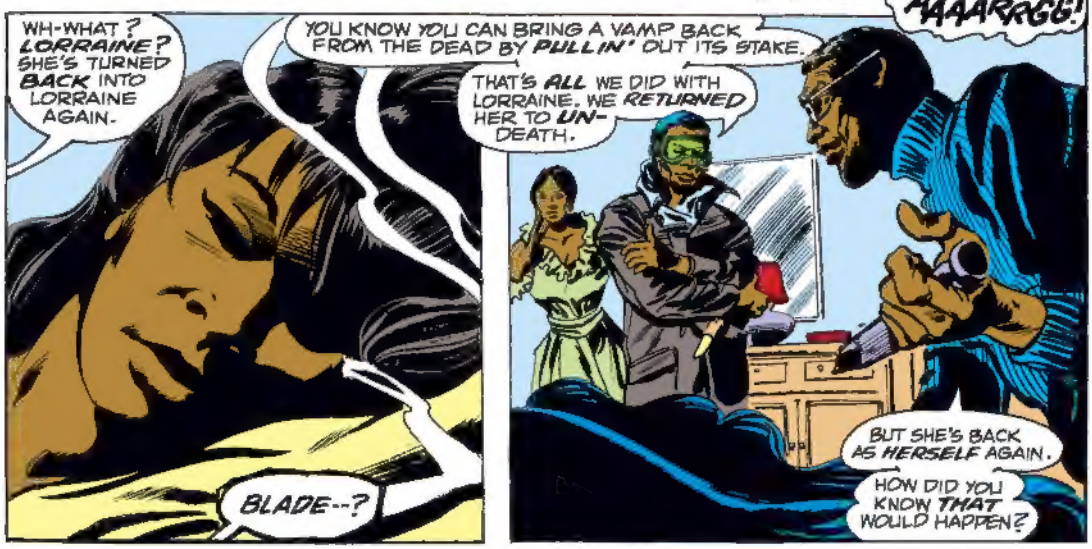
GOTTA THINK ONLY OF THE MISSION!
AND HOW NOT TO KILL MLSENDA'S WIFE WHILE KEEPIN' THE TWO OF US ALIVE AN' BREATHIN'!
THERE! THE LIGHTHOUSE!

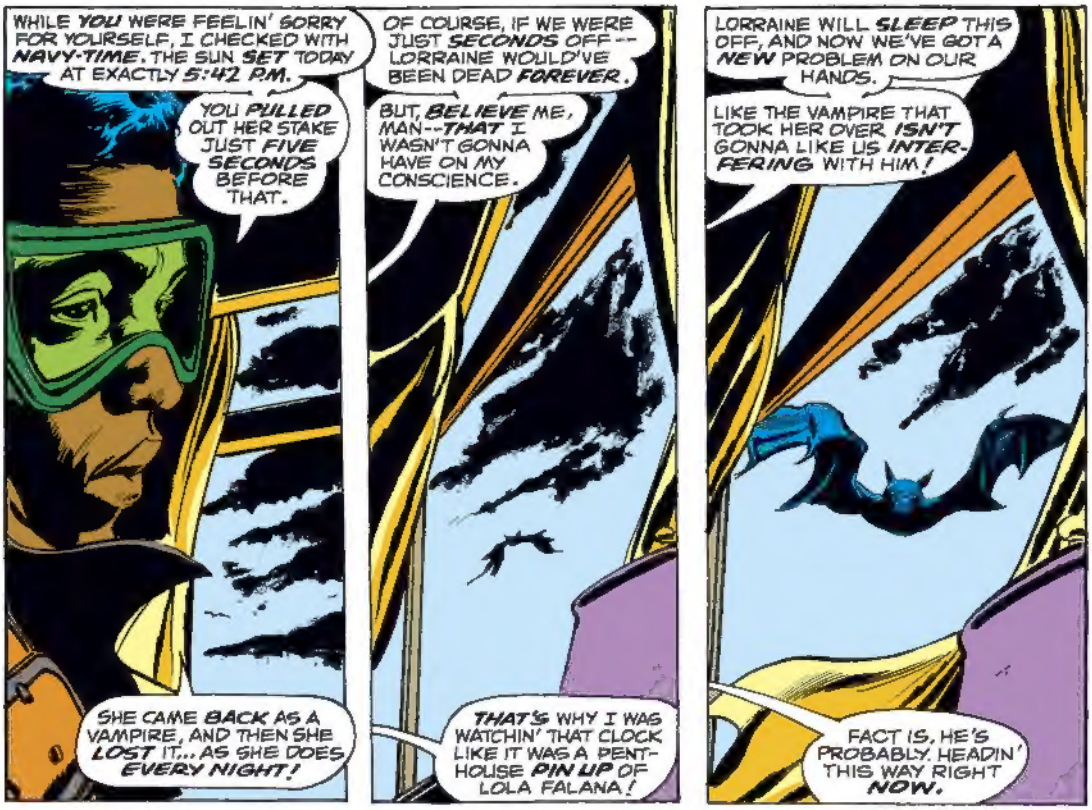
KEEP IT QUIET, PAL! DON'T WANT THAT VAMPIRE KNOWING WE'RE HERE TILL IT'S TOO LATE.
DIG?
DIG!

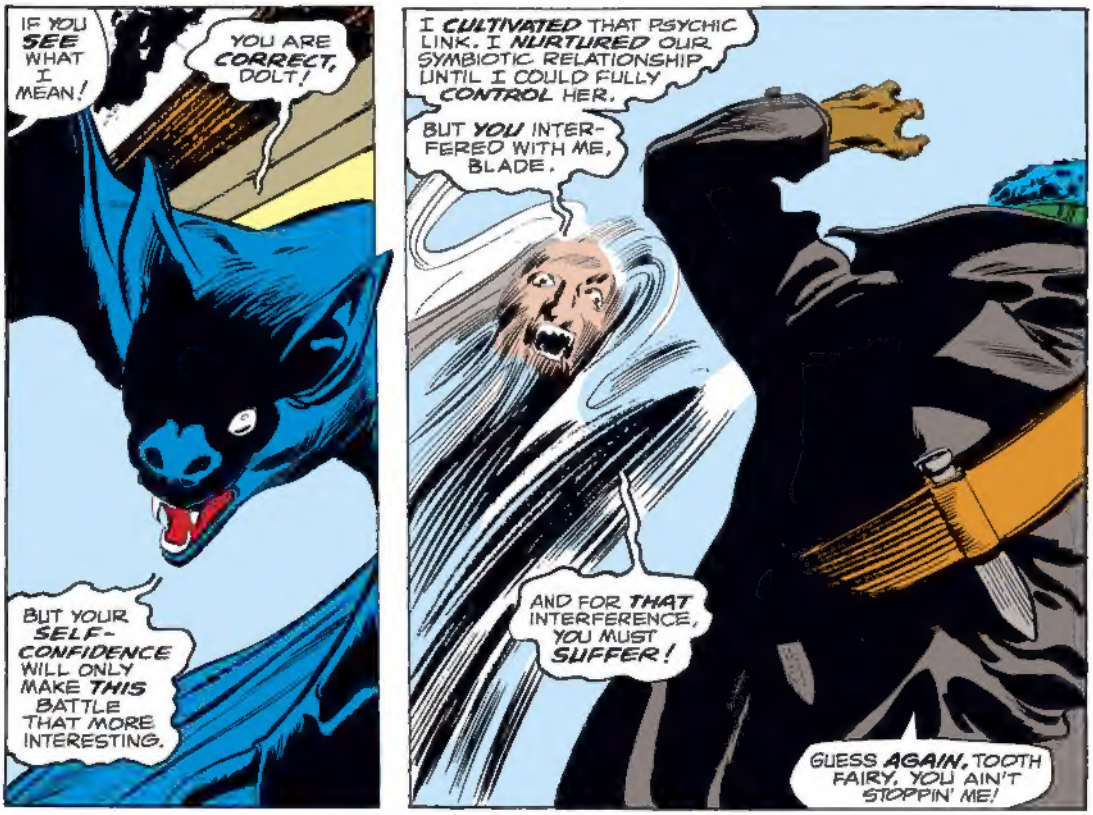
WHY SNEAK UP THESE STAIRS, FOOL?
I'VE SENSED YOUR PRESENCE FROM THE MOMENT YOU CAME HERE.
YOU THINK A WIFE WOULD NOT KNOW WHEN HER HUSBAND HAS COME FOR HER?
HA HA HA
AS FOR YOU, HUNTER. YOU DIE!
NOT SO EASY, SISTER!
IF BIG-DADDY DRACULA CAN'T STOP ME THAT WAY--
--WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN?
AARRGHH
LORD! INSTINCT TOOK OVE I'VE KILLE
WHAT? YOU MURDERED MY WIFE!??
DOWN, BOY. SHE'S A VAMPIRE. SHE'S NOT DEAD.
WHAT? YOU BETTER EXPLAIN YOURSELF-- BEFORE I TAKE THAT KNIFE AND, BUT YOU!
LATER, MUSENDA. JUST HELP ME GET HER BACK TO MY APARTMENT.
BEFORE HER OTHER HALF... THE ORIGINAL VAMPIRE RETURNS TO THIS NEST!
AND TRUST ME, BUDDY. IT'LL ALL WORK OUT IN THE END!
I HOPE.

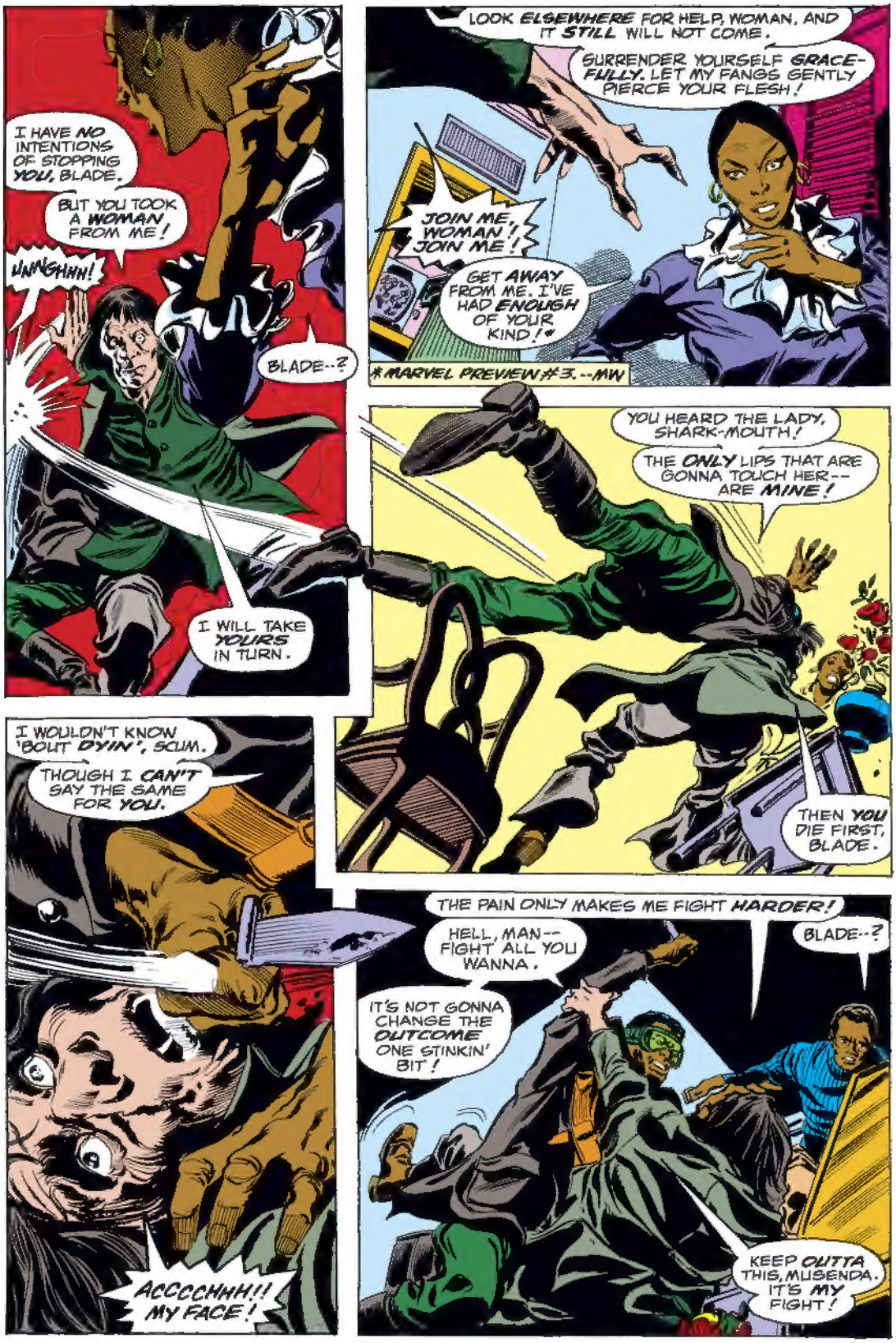
YOU MAY NOT WANNA SEE THIS, SAF. WHY NOT SCOOT OFF.
NO WAY, LOVER. I'M STAYING HERE--WITH YOU.
ALL RIGHT, BLADE. IT'S TIME. YOU SAID YOU'D EXPLAIN!
IN LESS THAN THIRTY SECONDS.


GET YOUR HAND ON THAT KNIFE. AND WHEN I SAY PULL, YOU RIP THAT THING OUT OF HER.
...7...6...5... GET READY, FRIEND.
...4... ...3... ...2...
NOW!
NOW!
YOU'VE FREED ME FROM UNDEATH, CRETIN--
--IN TIME TO SLAY YOU... NOOOO!!
HE'S COMING... TAKING AWAY MY-- AAAARRGG!


WH-WHAT? LORRAINE? SHE'S TURNED BACK INTO LORRAINE AGAIN.
YOU KNOW YOU CAN BRING A VAMP BACK FROM THE DEAD BY PULLIN' OUT ITS STAKE.
THAT'S ALL WE DID WITH LORRAINE. WE RETURNED HER TO UN-DEATH.
BUT SHE'S BACK AS HERSELF AGAIN.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WOULD HAPPEN?
BLADE--?


WHILE YOU WERE FEELIN' SORRY FOR YOURSELF, I CHECKED WITH NAVY-TIME. THE SUN SET TODAY AT EXACTLY 5:42 P.M.
YOU PULLED OUT HER STAKE JUST FIVE SECONDS BEFORE THAT.
SHE CAME BACK AS A VAMPIRE, AND THEN SHE LOST IT... AS SHE DOES EVERY NIGHT!
OF COURSE, IF WE WERE JUST SECONDS OFF -- LORRAINE WOULD'VE BEEN DEAD FOREVER.
BUT, BELIEVE ME, MAN--THAT I WASN'T GONNA HAVE ON MY CONSCIENCE.
THAT'S WHY I WAS WATCHIN' THAT CLOCK LIKE IT WAS A PENT-HOUSE PIN UP OF LOLA FALANA!
LORRAINE WILL SLEEP THIS OFF, AND NOW WE'VE GOT A NEW PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS.
LIKE THE VAMPIRE THAT TOOK HER OVER ISN'T GONNA LIKE US INTER-FERING WITH HIM!
FACT IS, HE'S PROBABLY HEADIN' THIS WAY RIGHT NOW.


IF YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN!
YOU ARE CORRECT, DOLT!
BUT YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE WILL ONLY MAKE THIS BATTLE THAT MORE INTERESTING.
I CULTIVATED THAT PSYCHIC LINK. I NURTURED OUR SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP UNTIL I COULD FULLY CONTROL HER.
BUT YOU INTER-FERED WITH ME, BLADE.
AND FOR THAT INTERFERENCE, YOU MUST SUFFER!
GUESS AGAIN, TOOTH FAIRY, YOU AIN'T STOPPIN' ME!


I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF STOPPING YOU, BLADE.
BUT YOU TOOK A WOMAN FROM ME!
UNNGHHH!
BLADE--?
I WILL TAKE YOURS IN TURN.
LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR HELP, WOMAN, AND IT STILL WILL NOT COME.
SURRENDER YOURSELF GRACEFULLY. LET MY FANGS GENTLY PIERCE YOUR FLESH!
JOIN ME, WOMAN! JOIN ME!
GET AWAY FROM ME. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR KIND!*
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YOU HEARD THE LADY, SHARK-MOUTH!
THE ONLY LIPS THAT ARE GONNA TOUCH HER-- ARE MINE!
THEN YOU DIE FIRST, BLADE.
I WOULDN'T KNOW 'BOUT DYIN', SCUM.
THOUGH I CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR YOU.
ACCCCHHH!! MY FACE!
THE PAIN ONLY MAKES ME FIGHT HARDER!
BLADE--?
HELL, MAN-- FIGHT ALL YOU WANNA.
IT'S NOT GONNA CHANGE THE OUTCOME ONE STINKIN' BIT!
KEEP OUTTA THIS, MUSENDA. IT'S MY FIGHT!

I'M IMMUNE TO VAMPIRE BITES--
--'CAUSE THERE'S VAMPIRE BLOOD IN ME FROM WHEN I WAS BORN.
THIS SCUM HASN'T GOT A CHANCE.
'CAUSE, EVEN IF HE DOES FANG ME--
--IT AIN'T GONNA DO HIM NO GOOD.
SO YOUR KIND DOESN'T HAVE ANY POWER OVER ME, FILTH.
NO POWER AT ALL!
ARRGGHHH!!
YOUR FIGHTIN' DAYS ARE OVER, CREEP.
AND YOUR ASHES WILL BE FLUSHED DOWN WHERE THEY BEST BELONG.
LORRAINE...? ARE YOU--
I-I FEEL DIFFERENT, LIKE I JUST AWOKE FROM A NIGHT-MARE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME, MUSENDA? WHAT?
YOU WOKE UP, HONEY... AND THE NIGHTMARE IS OVER.
IT'S OVER--FOREVER!
BLADE LOOKS ON FOR A MOMENT THEN TURNS TO SAFRON. HE NOW UNDERSTANDS HER REACTIONS, FOR SHE ONCE CAME VERY CLOSE TO BECOMING A VAMPIRE HERSELF. BUT, SHE SAYS NOTHING, AND JUST BURIES HER HEAD IN BLADE'S ARMS AND SLIGHTLY, ALMOST IMPERCEPTABLY TREMBLES!